TERM 1
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Important Dates

- 13 March - Year 7 Food Technology KIOSC Excursion Cut Off
- Friday 13 March - Year 8 Round Robin Competition
- 16 March – Presentation Ball Dance Rehearsal 4 (at The Grand)
- 17 March - State School Spectacular T-shirt Payment Due
- 17 March - Secondary Knox Division Swimming Finals
- 18 March - 5/6 Winter Sport Round Robin Cut Off
- 19 March - Studio Arts Excursion
- 20 March - Year 7 Food Technology KIOSC Excursion
- 23 March - Year 7 Round Robin Competition
- 23 March – Presentation Ball Dance Rehearsal 5
- 24 March - Unit 3/4 Chemistry Excursion
- 24 March - Prep Easter Bonnet Parade at Kmart
- 26 March – Presentation Ball
- 27 March - Last Day Term 1 (2.30pm Finish)
- 13 April - First Day Term 2

*Cut off deadlines are final. Students and/or families who have not provided payment by the specified date will NOT be able to attend the activity.

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YEAR 7 CAMP

Our Year 7 campers had a fantastic time away at Waratah Bay. See inside for a small collection of photos, and keep an eye on future newsletters for a full report on the adventure!
Greetings,

It seems this Term is flying past at a great rate. It’s only three weeks until our autumn holidays.

Congratulations to our Physical Education staff (and all staff) for the great day at our swimming sports. We were fortunate to have a hot day after a rather damp beginning and there were lots of opportunities for students to be involved, even if they weren’t interested in competitive swimming. A few teachers even took advantage of the opportunity to demonstrate their prowess in the pool!

Some of our senior students are involved in dance rehearsals for the Presentation Ball to be held on Thursday 26 March at The Grand. They have been learning dances with their partners, choosing dresses and accessories for what should be a very enjoyable night. It will be a great way to end the term.

We have a number of our VCAL students involved in the 'Wall to Wall Mentoring Program', an initiative funded by Knox City Council and conducted at our College. Students are learning from a highly regarded (street) artist, about design, technique and also social responsibility and ethical behaviour. The project will culminate in a mural painted on the wall of the IGA in Alchester Village.

I was fortunate to spend a day with our Year 7 staff and students at camp this week. They were staying in Waratah Bay, participating in outdoor activities, learning to surf and exploring Wilsons Promontory. We enjoyed a beautiful day in the sunshine, viewing the wildlife on the plains and walking from Squeaky Beach to Tidal River Settlement. There were lots of tired and happy faces. Congratulations to all staff involved for running a highly successful camp.

Congratulations also to our Prep teachers. They recently conducted an Information Session for Parents about reading to their children and listening to them read. It was highly informative, was well attended and demonstrated the consistent strategies we use throughout our College. There is no doubt that the ability to read is vital to a student’s academic performance and the teachers are to be commended for the support they provide to parents.

Regards,

David Rose
College Principal

Assistant Principal’s Report

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the wonderful community at Boronia K-12 College. I have already been made to feel very welcome by staff, students and families, with many going out of their way to introduce themselves to me. I feel privileged to have the opportunity to work at such a diverse and inclusive school and with such a professional and dedicated staff team.

I have been working in the education sector for over 21 years. I have experience working in all areas from kindergarten to Year 12. I have had the opportunity to fill many different roles; as an integration aide, after school care coordinator, classroom and specialist primary school teacher, Student Wellbeing co-ordinator, project officer for Knox SFYS, wellbeing officer for DEECD, Leading Teacher in charge of Primary OPTIONS and now as Assistant Principal – Student Wellbeing and Engagement, here at Boronia K-12 College. These experiences have allowed me to develop a wide range of skills and experience that I believe will help me to support and improve outcomes for each of our students.

I have three children of my own, ranging in age from 9 to 15. Family is very important to me. We have a large number of pets, that are also an important part of our family. I enjoy going on holidays, both locally and overseas and enjoy spending time with friends, going to the movies and out to restaurants. I enjoy cooking and gardening in my spare time.

I passionately believe that students can reach their full educational potential only when they are happy, healthy, and safe, and where there is a positive school culture to engage and support them in their learning. I look forward to working with the Boronia K-12 community to continue to develop a positive school-wide culture and helping to make Boronia K-12 College the school that everyone wants to attend! I hope to meet many more of you in the coming months. Please feel free to pop in to see me if you have any questions or concerns, or just to say hi.

Brooke Cross
Assistant Principal
Swimming Carnival
Nine Year 3-6 students competed at the Primary District Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 25 February at Croydon Memorial Pool. On a warm day perfect for swimming, all students competed in many events and came away with absolutely fantastic results.

Boronia K—12 College finished third overall in the competition out of the nine district teams that competed which is an outstanding result with only nine students competing. All students also finished in the top four in at least one of their events with all students receiving a ribbon and most students winning a number of ribbons.

Congratulations to the following students on their tremendous results:

**Jack B (3/4)** – 1st in Freestyle, 1st in Backstroke & 4th in Relay

**Chloe B (3/4)** – 2nd in Relay

**Chloe Y (3/4)** – 2nd in Relay & 2nd in Breaststroke

**Gabby B (5/6)** – 2nd in Relay, 2nd in Freestyle & 1st in Backstroke

**Kirra S (5/6)** – 2nd in Relay, 2nd in Breaststroke, 3rd in Freestyle & 3rd in Backstroke

**Jacob A (5/6)** – 2nd in Backstroke & 3rd in Breaststroke

**Jacob W (5/6)** – 4th in Relay & 4th in Freestyle

**Edward C (5/6)** – 4th in Relay & 3rd in Breaststroke

A special mention to **Jan N (5/6)** who qualified to compete in the Division Swimming Carnival by winning his race in Freestyle, Backstroke & Breaststroke.

Jan competed on Tuesday 3 March at Croydon Memorial and WON both his events in freestyle and breaststroke meaning he has qualified for the Regional Championships which will be help at Nunawading next week on Friday 13 March. We wish Jan all the best of luck as he represents our school!

Well done to all students and looking forward to Year 5/6 winter sports starting very soon.
Pink Stumps Day

Breast Cancer is a terrible disease that destroys and affects so many families in our community. As such our PE team, alongside Connect students undertaking the ‘Making A Difference Project’ have decided to help make a difference.

We would like to invite all members of the College community to wear

**PINK**

on Thursday 19 March

We ask for a gold coin donation from those participating.

Students will be focusing on cricket activities in PE classes throughout the week of March 16 - March 20, in addition to lunchtime cricket games and activities.

We can’t wait to host our Pink Stumps Day in support of the McGrath Foundation but we need your help to raise as much as we can for the McGrath Foundation and smash our fundraising target.

We're asking our friends, family, and colleagues to help us support the McGrath Foundation. It’s so simple, you can visit our online fundraising page, and click on the “Donate Now” button. You will be emailed a tax deductible receipt straight away.

Please click this link: [https://www.gofundraise.com.au/page/boroniak12college](https://www.gofundraise.com.au/page/boroniak12college) to support our cause!

All funds raised will be donated to the McGrath Foundation to ensure every family experiencing breast cancer in Australia has access to a breast care nurse, no matter where they live or their financial situation.

To find out more about the McGrath Foundation, visit [www.mcgrathfoundation.com.au](http://www.mcgrathfoundation.com.au) or check them out on Facebook (mcgrathfoundation), Twitter (mcgrathfdn) and Instagram (mcgrathfoundation).

As they say at the McGrath Foundation, together we can make a difference!
More Swimming Carnival Fun
Early Learning Centre News

The Three Year Old Group have been having lots of fun getting to know each other and making friends. Basic activities like play dough, painting, pasting, blocks, books and home corner are all opportunities for learning valuable skills like sharing, turn taking, listening, and considering others. Our focus this term is:

- I can be safe
- I can make friends
- What can I do?
- I can help
- I can make choices

We have been talking about our favourite food and as a result we have had paper plate pasting, a shop next to our home corner and making yummy fruit skewers. Yum!

SCHOOL BANKING REMINDER

Don't forget that MONDAY is School Banking day. Please ensure that your student banking books are handed to the General Office before 9.30am.

If you haven't joined your child in School Banking yet, you can do so at any branch, by calling 13 22 21 or online if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer. Please provide photo identification for yourself. Your child's birth certificate is needed if you intend to visit a branch or open the account online.
### Secondary Art Department

**CALL FOR DONATIONS**

The Secondary Art Department is in need of your assistance! We are currently seeking donations of glass jars, plastic containers, tomato sauce bottles (or anything similar) for use within the classroom.

If families have any of the above available at home, and are willing to donate them to the College, simply leave them at the General Office.

Any donation will be greatly appreciated.

### MATHLETICS

The Boronia K-12 College Mathletics program is up and running. Visit the link below and sign in to get started!

**www.mathletics.com.au/**

It is available at any point over the school holidays and throughout the year. Please encourage your child to log in and get involved.

Your child’s login details were distributed earlier in the year by their classroom teacher.

| Prep A - Sophie | 2A - Caleb |
| Prep B - Joshua | 2B - Tyler |
| Prep C - Tori | 3/4 A - |
| 1A - James | 3/4 B - Liesl |
| 1B - Ella | 3/4 C - Brodie |
Ways to ask your child ‘how was school today?’

1. What was the best thing that happened at school today? (or worst?)
2. Tell me something that made you laugh today.
3. If you could choose, who would you like to sit by in class? (or NOT? Why?)
4. Where is the coolest place at the school?
5. Tell me a weird word that you heard today. (Or something weird that someone said.)
6. If I called your teacher tonight, what would she tell me about you?
7. How did you help somebody today?
8. How did somebody help you today?
9. Tell me one thing that you learned today.
10. When were you the happiest today?
11. When were you bored today?
12. Who would you like to play with at recess that you’ve never played with before?
13. What word did your teacher say most today?
14. What do you think you should do/learn more of at school?
15. Who in your class do you think you could be nicer to?
16. Where do you play the most at recess?
17. Who is the funniest person in your class? Why is he/she so funny?
18. What was your favorite part of lunch?
19. If you got to be the teacher tomorrow, what would you do?
20. If you could switch seats with anyone in the class, who would you trade with? Why?

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Pastoral care for our community, with issues of emotional, financial, spiritual, physical nature.
The Chaplaincy program is funded through the Federal Government & Community support. This is a voluntary program in our school community.